# Quantstamp Security Assessment Certificate



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# LinumLabs Swarm Curve

This smart contract audit was prepared by Quantstamp, the protocol for securing smart contracts.

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# **Executive Summary**

Type **ERC20 Token** 

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**EVM** Byzantium

Languages Solidity, Javascript

Methods Architecture Review, Unit Testing, Functional Testing, Computer-Aided

Verification, Manual Review

Specification **README** 

**Documentation Quality** 

Medium Risk Issues

**Test Quality** 

Medium Source Code

1 (0 Resolved)

Repository	Commit
swarm-curve	9a9a0ae71f1294faa76c12642809159361820ea3

High

**Total Issues 13** (1 Resolved) High Risk Issues 0 (0 Resolved)

1 (0 Resolved) Low Risk Issues

Informational Risk Issues **5** (1 Resolved)

**Undetermined Risk Issues 6** (0 Resolved)

12 Unresolved 0 Acknowledged 1 Resolved

A High Risk	The issue puts a large number of users' sensitive information at risk, or is reasonably likely to lead to catastrophic impact for client's reputation or serious financial implications for client and users.
^ Medium Risk	The issue puts a subset of users' sensitive information at risk, would be detrimental for the client's reputation if exploited, or is reasonably likely to lead to moderate financial impact.
✓ Low Risk	The risk is relatively small and could not be exploited on a recurring basis, or is a risk that the client has indicated is low- impact in view of the client's business circumstances.
<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	The issue does not post an immediate risk, but is relevant to security best practices or Defence in Depth.
? Undetermined	The impact of the issue is uncertain.
• Unresolved	Acknowledged the existence of the risk, and decided to accept it without engaging in special efforts to control it.
<ul> <li>Acknowledged</li> </ul>	The issue remains in the code but is a result of an intentional business or design decision. As such, it is supposed to be addressed outside the programmatic means, such as: 1) comments, documentation, README, FAQ; 2) business processes; 3) analyses showing that the issue shall have no negative consequences in practice (e.g., gas analysis, deployment settings).
Resolved	Adjusted program implementation, requirements or constraints to eliminate the risk.
• Mitigated	Implemented actions to minimize the

impact or likelihood of the risk.

# **Summary of Findings**

After audit: Quantstamp has identified several issues spanning overall severity levels, in the swarm-curve codebase. Overall the documentation quality is very good, excepting the helper to compute token prices, and the code coverage of the test is very high with the exception of one module (Eth\_broker.sol). The test suite was very comprehensive with 46 tests. However, we were able to identify a modest number of 50 assertions in the test files, which indicates that not all of the functionality is accurately tested. It is of utmost importance for any production-ready project to have a code coverage as close as possible to 100% and a high number of assertions in order to ensure that all the functionality of the smart contracts has been tested. Finally, a few deviations from best practices and code documentation issues were found during the audit. We strongly recommend that all of these issues be addressed before deploying the code on the Ethereum mainnet.

ID	Description	Severity	Status
QSP-1	Possible Transfer to 0x0 / Contract Address	^ Medium	Unresolved
QSP-2 Reentrancy		<b>∨</b> Low	Unresolved
QSP-3	Allowance Double-Spend Exploit	O Informational	Mitigated
QSP-4	Unexpected Ether	O Informational	Unresolved
QSP-5	Unchecked constructor arguments	Informational	Unresolved
QSP-6	Incorrect/Missing Visibility	Informational	Unresolved
QSP-7	Unchecked Return Value	O Informational	Unresolved
QSP-8	Broken internal state	? Undetermined	Unresolved
QSP-9	Unsound arithmetic on the Bonding curve	<b>?</b> Undetermined	Unresolved
QSP-10	Unsound arithmetic related to _minDaiSellValue	<b>?</b> Undetermined	Unresolved
QSP-11	Unused state variables or constants	<b>?</b> Undetermined	Unresolved
QSP-12	Irregular or out-of-date interface for burn	<b>?</b> Undetermined	Unresolved
QSP-13	Unused local variable	<b>?</b> Undetermined	Unresolved

# Quantstamp Audit Breakdown

Quantstamp's objective was to evaluate the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and adherence to specification and best practices.

Possible issues we looked for included (but are not limited to):

- Transaction-ordering dependence
- Timestamp dependence
- Mishandled exceptions and call stack limits
- Unsafe external calls
- Integer overflow / underflow
- Number rounding errors
- Reentrancy and cross-function vulnerabilities
- Denial of service / logical oversights
- Access control
- Centralization of power
- Business logic contradicting the specification
- Code clones, functionality duplication
- Gas usage
- Arbitrary token minting

### Methodology

The Quantstamp auditing process follows a routine series of steps:

- 1. Code review that includes the following
  - i. Review of the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to Quantstamp to make sure we understand the size, scope, and functionality of the smart contract.
  - ii. Manual review of code, which is the process of reading source code line-by-line in an attempt to identify potential vulnerabilities.
  - iii. Comparison to specification, which is the process of checking whether the code does what the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to Quantstamp describe.
- 2. Testing and automated analysis that includes the following:
  - i. Test coverage analysis, which is the process of determining whether the test cases are actually covering the code and how much code is exercised when we run those test cases.
  - ii. Symbolic execution, which is analyzing a program to determine what inputs cause each part of a program to execute.
- 3. Best practices review, which is a review of the smart contracts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, clarify, maintainability, security, and control based on the established industry and academic practices, recommendations, and research.
- 4. Specific, itemized, and actionable recommendations to help you take steps to secure your smart contracts.

# Toolset

The notes below outline the setup and steps performed in the process of this audit.

### Setup

Tool Setup:

- <u>Slither</u> v0.7.0
- Mythril v0.22.16

Steps taken to run the tools:

- 1. Installed the Slither tool: pip install slither-analyzer
- 2. Run Slither from the project directory: slither .
- 3. Installed the Mythril tool from Pypi: pip3 install mythril
- 4. Ran the Mythril tool on each contract: myth -x path/to/contract

# **Findings**

#### OSP-1 Possible Transfer to 0x0 / Contract Address

Severity: Medium Risk

**Status:** Unresolved

File(s) affected: Eth\_portal\_flat.sol

**Description:** It is rarely desirable for tokens to be sent to the 0x0 address (intentional token burning is a notable exception) nor to the contract itself. However, these mistakes are often made due to human errors. Hence, it's often a good idea to prevent these mistakes from happening within the smart contract itself.

Internal state variable daiAddress\_ is returned in getPath() as a usable token address but is never initialized. Duplicated with dai\_.

**Recommendation:** Initialize this address in constructor() or use only dai\_ if variables are duplicated.

### **QSP-2** Reentrancy

Severity: Low Risk

Status: Unresolved

File(s) affected: Eth\_portal\_flat.sol, Curve.sol

**Description:** A reentrancy vulnerability is a scenario where an attacker can repeatedly call a function from itself, unexpectedly leading to potentially disastrous results. Here's a basic example representing the very attack which impacted The DAO in 2016:

The content of Eth\_portal\_flat.sol mostly resembles Eth\_broker.sol, however, a mutex lock is not used around the mint and burn functions. This may introduce unforeseen reentrancy attack vectors.

**Recommendation:** Add the mutex lock modifier to each function. There is a very popular implementation in OpenZeppelin Contracts openzeppelin-contracts/contracts/utils/ReentrancyGuard.sol.

### QSP-3 Allowance Double-Spend Exploit

Severity: Informational

Status: Mitigated

File(s) affected: Token.sol

Description: As it presently is constructed, the contract is vulnerable to the allowance double-spend exploit, as with other ERC20 tokens.

### Exploit Scenario:

- 1. Alice allows Bob to transfer N amount of Alice's tokens (N>0) by calling the approve() method on Token smart contract (passing Bob's address and N as method arguments)
- 2. After some time, Alice decides to change from N to M (M>0) the number of Alice's tokens Bob is allowed to transfer, so she calls the approve() method again, this time passing Bob's address and M as method arguments
- 3. Bob notices Alice's second transaction before it was mined and quickly sends another transaction that calls the transferFrom() method to transfer N Alice's tokens somewhere
- 4. If Bob's transaction will be executed before Alice's transaction, then Bob will successfully transfer N Alice's tokens and will gain an ability to transfer another M tokens
- 5. Before Alice notices any irregularities, Bob calls transferFrom() method again, this time to transfer M Alice's tokens.

Recommendation: The exploit (as described above) is mitigated through use of functions that increase/decrease the allowance relative to its current value, such as increaseAllowance() and decreaseAllowance().

Pending community agreement on an ERC standard that would protect against this exploit, we recommend that developers of applications dependent on approve() / transferFrom() should keep in mind that they have to set allowance to 0 first and verify if it was used before setting the new value. Teams who decide to wait for such a standard should make these recommendations to app developers who work with their token contract.

# **QSP-4 Unexpected Ether**

Severity: Informational

Status: Unresolved

File(s) affected: Eth\_broker.sol

Description: Smart contracts, though they may not expect it, can receive ether forcibly. This may affect the operation of the smart contract in unpredictable ways. For Eth\_broker, at L237, if

ETH is sent to this contract (either before creation or forcibly), msg.sender may receive more ETH than expected.

# QSP-5 Unchecked constructor arguments

**Severity: Informational** 

**Status:** Unresolved

File(s) affected: Eth\_broker.sol

Description: Should ensure that \_bzzCurve, \_daiToken and \_router02 are non-zero.

### QSP-6 Incorrect/Missing Visibility

**Severity: Informational** 

**Status:** Unresolved

File(s) affected: Curve.sol

**Description:** The visibility of a function or field changes determines how it can be accessed by others. Using the right visibility ensures optimal gas costs and reduces the possibility of attacks. The four types of visibility are: \* external - can be called by any other contract (but not within the contract itself) \* Useful for optimizing gas costs \* public - can be called anywhere \* internal - can only be called within the contract, and inherited contracts will inherit this functionality \* Useful for creating functions that should not be called by anyone else \* private - can only be called within the contract, cannot be inherited

Use external declaration for functions not used in other functions. Functions only called externally by other contracts or users can be only declared as external, gas is saved and attackers are given less internal functions and control in case of vulnerabilities. This way they cannot be called from other internal or public functions.

Functions affected: isCurveActive(), requiredCollateral(), init(), mint(), mint(), redeem(), shutDown().

### **QSP-7 Unchecked Return Value**

**Severity: Informational** 

Status: Unresolved

File(s) affected: Eth\_broker.sol

**Description:** Most functions will return a true or false value upon success. Some functions, like send(), are more crucial to check than others. It's important to ensure that every necessary function is checked.

Functions affected: Eth\_broker L224, L233, L235, L285, L294, L296, L354, L369, L374.

Recommendation: Always check return values of functions and handle them accordingly.

### **QSP-8** Broken internal state

Severity: Undetermined

Status: Unresolved

File(s) affected: Curve.sol

**Description:** Asset supply changes usually need to adjust tokenomics internal state. Make sure the constants bzzscale\_ and openMarketSupply\_ are in line with the token supply. Make sure openMarketSupply\_ is adjusted whenever mint() or redeem() is executed.

Exploit Scenario: If the attacker redeems a big number of tokens then the balance can be smaller than openMarketSupply\_.

**Recommendation:** Track tokenomics in mint() and redeem().

### QSP-9 Unsound arithmetic on the Bonding curve

Severity: Undetermined

Status: Unresolved

File(s) affected: Curve.sol

**Description:** There is not enough documentation or context to understand the rationale for the equation computed by \_helper(). This is directly related to \_primitiveFunction and the bonding curve of choice.

Recommendation: Elaborate in detail the bonding curve arithmetic and how is calculated in the implementation.

## QSP-10 Unsound arithmetic related to \_minDaiSellValue

Severity: Undetermined

**Status:** Unresolved

File(s) affected: Eth\_broker.sol

Description: In redeem, on L366-367 we have the following:

// Getting expected ETH for DAI
uint256 ethMin = sellRewardDai(\_minDaiSellValue);

From documentation or context it cannot be inferred the rationale for using \_minDaiSellValue instead of dai\_.balanceOf(address(this)), the latter possibly being higher than \_minDaiSellValue.

#### Severity: Undetermined

#### **Status:** Unresolved

File(s) affected: Curve.sol

**Description:** The state variables reserveRatioDenominator\_ and scale\_, which relate to the bonding curve price computations, are unused. It is unclear if the related functions are implemented correctly. It is also unclear if these state variables should be constant or not.

### QSP-12 Irregular or out-of-date interface for burn

#### Severity: Undetermined

#### Status: Unresolved

File(s) affected: Eth\_portal\_flat.sol

**Description:** burn may be using an out-of-date interface. On L326, curve\_.burn is used. While this matches the interface I\_Curve at the top of the file, the burn function does not exist in Curve.sol nor I\_Curve.sol. It is not clear if this flattened file is up-to-date.

Recommendation: Ensure that flattened files are up-to-date.

### QSP-13 Unused local variable

#### Severity: Undetermined

**Status:** Unresolved

File(s) affected: Curve\_flat.sol

**Description:** On function \_initializeCurve() there are two priced local variables: price and initial\_price. Only price is used. From documentation or context cannot be determined what is the use of initial\_price that comes from \_spotPrice().

# **Code Documentation**

- 1. In Eth\_broker.redeem, the comment on L339: "Checking that this amount is not more than the maximum spends amount" appears to be a copy+paste error from the mint functions. It should instead say "Checking that this amount is at least the min sell amount".
- 2. In Curve.\_initializeCurve, the comment "@return initial\_price The starting price of the token" does not match the code; the function only returns the averaged price.

# Adherence to Best Practices

We have identified the following deviations from best-practices:

- 1. Code duplication in Eth\_broker.mint() and Eth\_broker.mintTo().
- 2. Code duplication in Curve.mint() and Curve.mintTo().
- 3. There are duplicate checks for Eth\_broker.redeem and Curve.redeem. For example, both compute the sellReward and then check reward >= \_minCollateralReward. This costs extra gas. It is unclear why the check in Eth\_broker.redeem is needed.
- 4. Some naming conventions are inconsistent and error-prone, such as internal state variables collateralToken\_and state variables \_status.

# **Test Results**

Test Suite Results

49 passing (2m)

```
$ npm run test
> swarm-curve@1.0.0 test /media/psf/Home/lab/audits/LinumLabs/LAST/swarm-curve-9a9a0ae71f1294faa76c12642809159361820ea3/Blockchain
> etherlime test --solcVersion=0.5.0 --output=none --timeout 100000 --gas-report=true

✓ Broker tests

   Mock router tests
       ✓ Gets Amounts In returns correct values (28ms)

✓ get weth address expected (21ms)

       ✓ Swap ETH for exact tokens (DAI) test (146ms, 58466 gas)
   broker view tests
       ✓ Swap exact tokens (DAI) for ETH test (373ms, 124613 gas)

√ buy price expected (43ms)

       ✓ sell reward expected (44ms)

✓ sell reward dai expected (31ms)
       ✓ Get path expected (38ms)

✓ get time works as expected (109ms)
   broker tests
       ✓ mint slippage check (69ms)

√ mint balance checks (1301ms, 211708 gas)

√ mintTo balance checks (1458ms, 212606 gas)

√ burn slippage check (62ms)

√ burn fails without approval (70ms)

  ✓ Curve tests
   Curve pre-mint collateral tests

√ burn balance checks (848ms, 300920 gas)
       ✓ Pre-mint can sell down curve (partial) (614ms, 145659 gas)
       ✓ Pre-mint can sell down curve (almost whole pre-mint) (602ms, 145459 gas)
    Curve slippage tests
       ✓ Price can slide back to pre-mint supply (1246ms, 328413 gas)
       ✓ Price cannot exceed max spend (buy) (1178ms, 277675 gas)
   Curve calculations tests
       ✓ Price cannot exceed max spend (sell) (2124ms, 555341 gas)

√ Cannot buy for 0 (44ms)

       ✓ Tokens correctly minted on buy (867ms, 182754 gas)
       ✓ Tokens correctly minted on mintTo buy (716ms, 183564 gas)
       ✓ Cannot sell for 0 (33ms)
       ✓ Tokens correctly burnt on sell (1486ms, 343413 gas)
       ✓ Open market price correct (37ms)
```

```
√ Bonded token address (23ms)

 Curve shut down tests

✓ Collateral token address (14ms)

√ Can shut down the curve (105ms, 25321 gas)

     ✓ Non owner cannot shut down the curve (27ms)
  Curve ownership tests
     ✓ Once shut, blocked functions cannot be accessed (147ms, 25321 gas)
     ✓ Owner is set correctly (27ms)
 Curve bonded token tests
     ✓ Ownership can be transferred correctly (103ms, 31230 gas)
     ✓ Bonded tokens burnt outside of curve blocked (851ms, 226964 gas)

✓ Curve Calculations Tests

 Curve pre-init tests
     ✓ Bonded tokens can only be burnt by minter (447ms, 207266 gas)
     ✓ Pre-mint cost consistent (84ms)
  Curve post-init tests
     ✓ Spot price before init (33ms)

√ Helper is correct (26ms)

     ✓ Price at start of curve (96ms)

✓ Curve pre-mint tests

 Curve initialisation tests
     ✓ Withdraw reward at start (656ms, 182776 gas)

√ Can't set up curve with less than expected pre-mint (196ms, 46310 gas)

√ Curve set up with pre-mint (exact) (762ms, 297896 gas)

√ Curve set up with pre-mint (above expected) (961ms, 297944 gas)

√ Can buy tokens (1461ms, 480650 gas)

√ Can sell tokens (1957ms, 641261 gas)

√ Cannot double initialize (854ms, 297896 gas)

✓ Token Tests
 Parent input validation checks

√ Cannot initialize if curve is not minter (301ms, 69043 gas)

√ (detailed) Correct deployment (232ms)

√  √ (cap) Can't deploy a 0 cap (44ms)
Total Gas Used: 5900469
49 passing (2m)
```

# Code Coverage

File	% Stmts	% Branch	% Funcs	% Lines	Uncovered Lines
Curve.sol	100	71.88	100	100	
Curve_test.sol	100	100	100	100	
Eth_broker.sol	98.04	66.67	91.67	98.11	394
I_Curve.sol	100	100	100	100	
I_Token.sol	100	100	100	100	
I_router_02.sol	100	100	100	100	
Mock_dai.sol	54.1	29.17	50	53.23	516,524,540
Mock_router.sol	81.82	42.86	83.33	81.82	22,26,27,28
Token.sol	78.57	47.22	80	77.91	414,415,649
All files	82.04	52.42	78.33	81.79	

# **Appendix**

### File Signatures

The following are the SHA-256 hashes of the reviewed files. A file with a different SHA-256 hash has been modified, intentionally or otherwise, after the security review. You are cautioned that a different SHA-256 hash could be (but is not necessarily) an indication of a changed condition or potential vulnerability that was not within the scope of the review.

### Contracts

```
59ceffb96e893acdae0b0fe0a51bd1a6f99345b8c314e3ad3c0c3841e97bfb10 ./contracts/Token.sol 444b1fb368f37052ffb4e84fff88d2713c48fc3727e88e3deebbd23b1cb0c2fa ./contracts/Curve_test.sol eb3bbb2891831f2139d7573e0a0f4c7a8c6a2089394989a75282cb15ae3517d6 ./contracts/I_Curve.sol 1823738d583b6a0873fd48a8b194fd7b4cf3e77d2ce0a18580a0fdff95fd98ef ./contracts/Mock_router.sol f8da830939d0cb5ea79c47d6268e779050b48ad5bcc46aea0aadce670d8e7c48 ./contracts/Mock_dai.sol da7fe7038dfb19fbc6f2142583dd8081c4b56a89ca153a7fd0f47091156cf262 ./contracts/Eth_broker.sol 6d832a107b766fb92f3fcaf54a9e2889a8714f90504c9ca6b8bcc9c9aa817df3 ./contracts/Curve.sol 1ef4639e61249b393f50b9523685e3f0a7698db09b8d230785869cf98f92cb76 ./contracts/I_router_02.sol 972dfabc1cbf1e21400c82413681784bbc5c1b56232ea11ce645aedadedfd95a ./contracts/I_Token.sol
```

# Changelog

• 2021-02-08 - Initial report

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